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Decrease in Negro Population.

During the last ten years the negro population of Kentucky decreased to the extent of 8.1 per cent, of the entire negro population total—23,050 fewer colored inhabitants being found in the State at the thirteenth census 1910 than were found in the twelfth census in 1900.

In the nation the whites number 88.9 per cent, of the population and the negroes 10.7 (all others .4). Whereas ten years ago the whites numbered only 87.9 per cent, of the population and the negroes 11.6. In the South—including Delaware and the District of Columbia, as well as the usual States accredited to that division—the negroes composed 29.8 per cent, of the population in 1910, whereas in 1900 they composed 32.8 per cent. Maryland and Tennessee, besides Kentucky, of the Southern States show an actual decrease in the number of blacks since 1900, while in Virginia and Delaware the increase has been slight. There are 81,732,687 whites in the nation and 9,828,294 negroes, as opposed to 75,994,575 whites and 8,833,994 negroes in 1900.

These and a number of other highly interesting statistics of the population of the United States have been given out by the Federal Census Bureau. The figures are for the continental United States, excluding Alaska and the insular possessions.

According to the reckoning of the Census Bureau, the percentage of increase among the whites during the past ten years has actually been a little greater than that among the negroes, but not so much greater as the figures seem to show. Much of the apparent increase the bureau traces to white immigration, stating that there is practically no negro immigration to increase

the number of that race.

These statistics show that in 1910 Kentucky had 2,027,955 whites and 261,656 negroes; in 1900 1,862,309 whites and 284,706 negroes, or in 1910 the white population amounted to 88.6 per cent, and the negro 11.4 of the total, while in 1900 whites were 86.7 and negroes 13.3. This shows a falling off of 8.1 per cent on the part of the negroes and an increase of 8.9 per cent on the part of the whites in Kentucky. From a political standpoint the situation in Kentucky has balanced itself, as departing Republican negroes were made up for by the Republican whites immigrating into Eastern Kentucky.

Lost for Want of Candidate.

Had the Democrats of this Railroad district had a candidate in the recent election H. G. Garrett would not have been elected as the returns indicate a Democratic majority in the district of one thousand or more. It would not have been on account of Mr. Garrett's unpopularity, but on the account of the unpopularity of his party in Kentucky just now.

Powell Not in It.

According to the report of the Secretary of Agriculture, Wilson, there were more than \$48,000,000 spent alone in road building in the Southern states last year. Of this \$48,000,000; Powell county spent \$400,000. Under the present conditions of the county but little can be spent just now except build and pay for its bridges already built. But the labor as provided for by law and as is now applicable in the county, could be applied, and the best be done that can be done under these adverse conditions. Yet this is not regarded, and our bad roads in the meantime are getting worse when we could do better if we would.

New Principal in City School.

Prof. Case, Superintendent of the City School, has resigned that position and has been succeeded by O. C. Atkinson who for some time has been acting Assistant Cashier at the Clay City National Bank. Prof. Case found the school work in Clay City too strenuous for his frail constitution. In the Clay City school for Principal it requires a man of steel brain, radiating vision, iron nerve, ample exactions, determined will and a champion boxer. As Mr. Atkinson is a young man possessing all of these qualifications, or at least as many of them as any one we know, we predict a success for the remainder of the term.

But a Few Days Ahead.

As the winter advances the more we realize that we will soon be in the grasp of the mud roads again. Overseers are allowing water to run in the roads where a few minutes work would turn it back into the ditches that are not filled up. We have a very poor road working system in Powell county and a very poor enforcement of the poor working system, which combined will make mud roads when a little more rains and freezes and then horse flesh must suffer and profanity lavish upon the roads we could have if our overseers had put in all the time they had in the best way. The roads in this end of the county are really in much worse condition to take the winter than they usually are this late in the fall.

A Nuisance.

Occasionally one will hear the remark, "I wish I was out of this town," and then one feels like saying, "I wish you were too" for a man who stands on the street corners, chewing and spitting, telling obscene stories, cursing the town, finding fault with his grandmother because she was a woman, claiming that the merchants are a lot of thieves, that the doctors and newspaper men would skin a man to a finish, and a whole lot more, is a nuisance and an abomination.

Figures made known yesterday by the Census Bureau show the value of Kentucky horses and mules to be \$71,974,426. Iowa leads in value of draft horses, while Texas leads all other states in the number and value of its mules.

Circuit Court is in session at Stanton this week. The editor has been unable to attend any of the session but guess they can probably get along for at least one term without us as we are unusually busy just now.

Gov. Willson is preparing to vacate Frankfort Dec. 12. He advises that no further applications for pardons will be considered except in pressing cases.

A protracted meeting is in progress at the Methodist church, the pastor being assisted by the Rev. George Tivis, of Ohio.

F. C. Mize is home from Quick-sand to spend a few days with home folks.

Death of Allen Gravett.

Allen Gravett, aged sixty-eight years, died at the home of his niece, Mrs. Emma Mountz, near this city Saturday night. Burial Monday at the Wells graveyard. Deceased is survived by six children Mesdames C. C. Daniel, Jr. and T. J. White, and Miss Dollie Gravett, of this county; Messrs. Morgan and Joel Gravett, of Clark county, and George Gravett, of Bloomington, Ill. All were present at the burial except the last named.

Mr. Gravett was a sober, honest, industrious and model citizen. His friends were his acquaintances.

Kentucky Wins Big Suit.

In the decision handed down by the Supreme Court of the United States, affirming the decision of the Kentucky Court of Appeals, the steamships of the Southern Pacific Railroad are held taxable by the State of Kentucky. This means that the State will receive \$212,000 and Jefferson county \$140,000 in back taxes and penalties. Matt J. Holt, acting as Attorney for the State, will receive a fee of \$25,000. The suit, which had a long run through the Courts, is based upon the fact that the Southern Pacific has its office located at Beechmont, Jefferson county, and that it was paying no taxes to the State upon its property.

Lands Posted.

All persons are hereby notified that no hunting will be allowed on inclosed lands belonging to the undersigned.

Mrs. Emma Mountz,

J. E. Burgher.

Additional names added to this list for 25 cents cash.

Local Option Decision.

In a local option case from Knox county, the Court of Appeals fixes the place of sale of whisky, under rather peculiar circumstances. The appeal was prosecuted by the Commonwealth to determine the law in the case, Charles Wilson, a saloon man of Middlesboro, received an order for whisky by telephone from John Sampson, in Barbourville. He delivered the whisky to one Hiram King to take to Sampson with the agreement that it was Sampson's whisky as soon as it was delivered to King. Wilson was indicted in Knox county and the Commonwealth tried to show that the sale was in Knox county. The court holds that the sale was in Bell county and, therefore, Wilson cannot be convicted in Knox county.

Governor McCreary will probably be the last old Confederate soldier to be elected Governor of Kentucky as their ranks are fast thinning out and the complaint against old men holding office is being howled louder every day. The Times thinks this no objection however, but rather thinks there are more men in office now too young than too old. We are for the old men holding the offices and we young men doing the work and the business.

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Is what is said of our ready-made clothes for children. They stand the wear and tear of child-life and

Unlike the Children

Themselves, do not run away when washed. A look through will convince you. Mrs. J. W. Williams, Clay City, Ky.

New Fall Millinery

Just received from the city which combines the newest styles and lowest prices.

SHOES AT FIRST COST

\$500 worth of Shoes have been marked down to first cost in order to get room for new goods coming in. In this sale will also be included a lot of

HATS and CAPS.

Here's your opportunity to save some money. First come, first served.

SHIMFESSEL'S.

WALDRON & JOHNSON, Waltersville, Ky.

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